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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. To the best of the Applicants' knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Additionally, each reference listed on the attached PTO 1449 was first cited in a communication from the European Patent Office in a counterpart foreign application.

Copies of the listed documents along with copies of the International Search Reports received from the European Patent Office in the counterpart application were previously submitted in a prior application, Application No. 09/814,178, filing date March 22, 2001, upon which Applicants rely for the benefits provided in 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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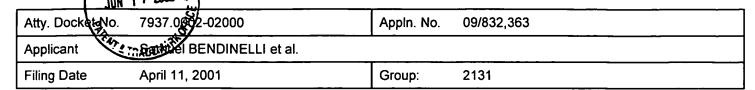
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